



STOCKHOLM

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## Grand Chapter in Stavern

I find it extremely interesting that in our part of the world, where good weather “is in minority”, we **O.S.M.T.H. Grand Priory of Scandinavia** always enjoys the very best weather when rallying. The Grand Chapter was held in a beautiful, sunny and warm Stavern.

There are a lot of interesting sub activities during a meeting like this and it is not my task to cover and report from all these, but from my viewpoint I think one event stands out more than the others – the appointment of a new Grand Prior General for our Grand Priory.



**April 30, 2011** the Grand Priory of Scandinavia had a “*Change of the Guards*” at the very top. Major General Göran De Geer Knight Grand Cross handed over the Grand Priory Banner and thereby the full leadership responsibility to Brigadier General Owe Wagermark Knight Grand Cross, in a ceremonial service in Fredriksvern/Stavern church, Norway. For this special occasion, over 120 Knights, their spouses and “passing bys” filled the church.

Our Military Order has the privilege to use most of the Scandinavian Garrison churches and military installation for our activities and the church in Stavern is a good example of that. It was built 1756 just outside the Stavern fortress (built 80 years earlier). The church was the first Garrison church in Norway.

To add splendour and beauty to this special occasion, very many of our life companions dressed in traditional folk costume and this can only be described with a photo – wonderful dresses worn by wonderful and beautiful women...!





# Knights Templar Grand Priory of Scandinavia

## Grand Secretary General

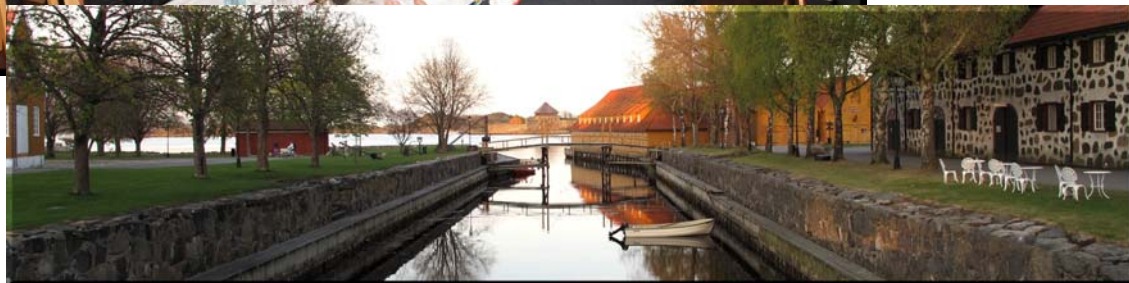
As shown on pictures above and below, and in other “reports”, we do celebrate our honoured Order; the Poor Knights of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon also known as the Knights Templar also known as Ordo Supremus Militaris Templi Hierosolymitani also known as... ah! we have many names for the things we love. But this is not a Knights Templar’s everyday life. The rest of a year’s 364 days (365 in a leap year) our object is to

**defend and promote the spread of the Christian faith through actively practising its virtues: fraternal love, compassion, charity and adherence to Church commandments.**

This is done almost in as many ways as there are Knights in the Scandinavian Grand Priory. One Knight is Force Commander in Afghanistan, several Knights are serving in different civilian and military foreign Aid Programs, one Knight has single-handed raised EURO 25,000 for the Grand Priory’s international charity activities, some Knights direct and control the charity and humanitarian activities to safeguard that every single penny and/or shipment reaches the End User etc. etc.

So... rest assure fellow Knights in our esteemed Order, we take care of our main object(s) at least as thoroughly as we celebrate our Order.

Well, time flies. I have now been Grand Secretary General for five years and it’s time to hand over the goose quill to the next Knight in line. I will continue serving the Order by assuming the position Chief Information Officer (CIO) with the honourable title “Master of Arms” – an information system is a powerful arsenal, given that the pen is mightier that the sword. I wish my successor good luck in this vital office, looking forward to read many reports to come.



**Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed nomini Tuo da gloriam**

Confraternal greeting and hope to see you in cyberspace...!



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Björn Liszka, Commendator  
Grand Secretary General (...signing off)